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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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- the claims:  
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  - the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-12, 14-16, 20, 27, 31, 35-37	YES
	Claims	1-3, 13, 17-19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-34, 38	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-12, 14-16, 27, 35-37	YES
	Claims	1-3, 13, 17-26, 28-34, 38	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-38	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2002-230499 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 16 August 2002 (16.08.02), entire text; fig. 1 to 7 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 2001-038302 A (Toppan Forms Co., Ltd.), 13 February 2001, entire text; fig. 1-3 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 2001-315920 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Sato), 13 November 2001, entire text; fig. 1-2 (Family: none)

Document 4: JP 2000-190677 A (King Jim Co., Ltd.), 11 July 2000, entire text; fig. 1-5 (Family: none)

Claims 1-3, 13, 21-26, 28-30, 32-34 and 38

The inventions set forth in claims 1-3, 13, 21-26, 28-30, 32-34 and 38 appear to be disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report and, therefore, lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

## Claim 17

The invention set forth in claim 17 appears to be disclosed in document 2 cited in the international search report and, therefore, lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:  
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## Claims 18 and 19

The inventions set forth in 18 and 19 appear to be disclosed in document 3 cited in the international search report and, therefore, lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

## Claim 20

The invention set forth in claim 20 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-3 cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of applying to the tag disclosed in document 1 the shape disclosed in document 2 and the visual characteristics as well as the feature wherein the parts (16) of the tag which are not detachable and the parts of the tag which are detachable differ in shape, which are disclosed in document 3.

## Claim 31

The invention set forth in claim 31 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 4 cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of applying the perforations disclosed in document 4 to the perforations disclosed in document 1.

## Claims 4-12, 14-16, 27 and 35-37

The inventions set forth in claims 4-12, 14-16, 27 and 35-37 are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.